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ANCIENT LOST CITY FOUND IN CALIFORNIA!

Magnificent set for Bible film was buried after it was shot 68 years ago!

By ROSE GRADY
Correspondent

More than a half-century ago, the magnificent "City of the Pharaohs" was buried beneath the shifting sands — not on the barren deserts of Egypt — but on the rolling dunes of Southern California!

The lost city, with its 21 five-ton sphinxes, four towering statues of Rameses the Magnificent and its beautifully carved temples is, in truth, the set built in 1923 by the legendary Cecil B. DeMille for his film classic, *The Ten Commandments*.

Why, when or how he did it remains a mystery to this day, but after the epic film was completed, DeMille carried out his elaborate plan.

He secretly had the lavish, 800-foot-wide set buried in the sand dunes of Pismo Beach, on the California coast.

The City of the Pharaohs may have remained beneath the towering dunes for eons had it not been for a hint to its existence in DeMille's autobiography, published after his death in 1959.

"If 1,000 years from now," he wrote, "archeologists happen to dig beneath the sands, I hope they will not rush into print with the amazing news that Egyptian civilization, far from being confined to the Valsphinxes they will find were buried there when we had finished with them and dismantled our huge set of the gates of Pharaoh's city."

Those paragraphs tickled the imagination of cameraman Bruce Cardoza who contacted filmmaker Peter Brosnan, and the search began.

It took months of searching, but finally an old cattleman showed them the site where the set once stood, on the Pismo dunes that DeMille envisioned as Egypt.

Permission to dig in the ecologically protected dunes has been granted and next spring work will begin to lift the old

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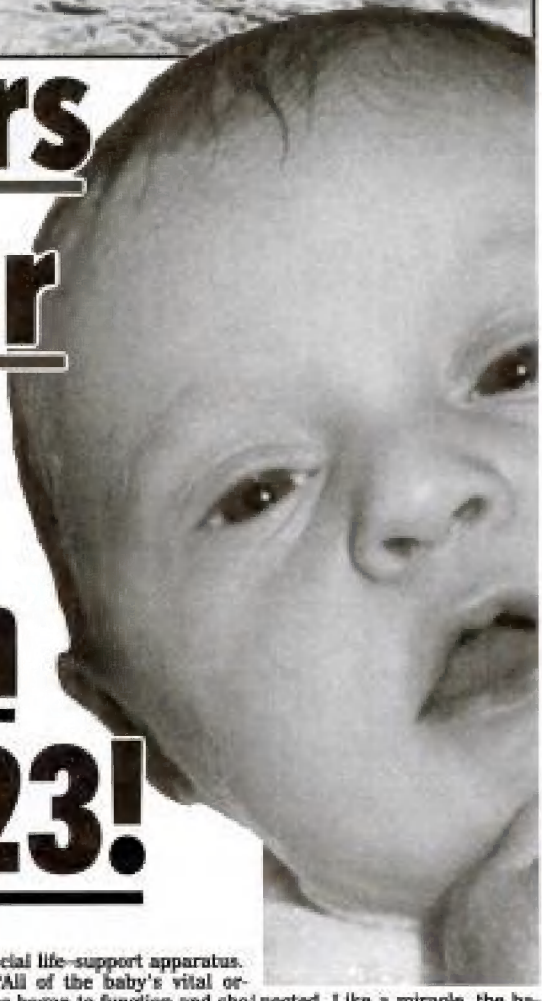
Pregnant woman trapped by sheet of ice — 569 years ago!

WASTELAND: Miracle birth started with the discovery of the child's mother, frozen in a wall of ice, on the island of Honvik, above.

Doctors deliver baby frozen in 1423!



By GUNNAR OLAFFSON

Special to The Weekly World NEWS

Norwegian scientists successfully brought to term a living fetus found in the womb of a Russian woman who froze to death — then 569 years ago!

The miracle infant actually lived for 90 minutes and 14 seconds without life support before it died of a viral infection not associated with the deep-freeze environment it was trapped in for six centuries.

The baby — a girl the scientists named Trianna — weighed 3-pounds, 6-ounces at the time of her clinical birth. She was described as "amazingly normal" except for minor deformities of the fingers of her left hand.

The infant's mother was identified as a Russian woman in her late teens or early 20s. She was found frozen in a solid wall of ice on the island of Honvik, a desolate wasteland of ice and snow in the Arctic Ocean.

The astonishing 52-day project was carried out under a cloak of secrecy in a laboratory outside Oslo.

"The fact that we were able to deliver a living infant who had been frozen for 569 years in the womb of its dead mother is perhaps the greatest scientific accomplishment in the history of mankind," said Dr. Sven Holst, a prenatal expert based in Oslo.

Dr. Holst said the mother was slightly more than seven months pregnant when she died, apparently from the same mystery virus that claimed her baby more than 600 years later.

"The temperature in that area has been known to reach 120 degrees below zero (F)," the scientist explained.

"The mother, we must assume, was literally flash-frozen moments after death and her body enveloped in a thick sheet of ice. Luckily, we took ice-core samples from the site. That's how we were able to determine, with accuracy, the year of the mother's death.

"When she was found by the fully wrapped in aluminum foil and immersed in a tank of liquid nitrogen and flown to a military base.

"A CAT-scan revealed the woman was carrying a fetus. The child was surgically removed, thawed and placed on a special life-support apparatus.

"All of the baby's vital organs began to function and she maintained a steady heartbeat, breathing and brain-wave activity.

"After 52 days, the life-support equipment was disconnected. Like a miracle, the baby continued to live on her own. It was the most astounding thing I have ever seen. When she expired, I wept with sorrow," said Dr. Holst.

Truck starts itself, kills 2

Police in Olyphant, Pa., were a bit skeptical when told a truck that killed two people had started by itself. But they became believers when authorities had the truck's engine tested by a mechanic and — sure enough — the vehicle started by itself!

"It didn't just turn over, it started!" Patrolman Al VanNostrand said. "Thank God the truck wasn't in gear during the test."

Investigators now believe a melted insulation cap on an ignition wire is the culprit.

SEX GEEZERS' LOVE DUEL!

A 90-year-old Italian stallion stabbed his neighbor because he told him was too old — to have sex.

"Antonio told me I couldn't make love anymore, so I had to call him out," said Virgilio Angioni, who challenged 81-year-old Antonio Farris to

2 dead in holiday tragedy

Mall shoppers riot as AIDS victim blows soap bubbles into crowd

By DON DEATON/ *Correspondent*

Two people were killed and nine were injured in a stampede that erupted when a wheezing AIDS victim blew soap bubbles into a crowd of holiday shoppers at a busy mall!

Roger Gleason was arrested and charged with inciting a riot after the incident but far from apologizing for the deaths of two innocent people, the 28-year-old man is said to be "totally without remorse."

He has also been jailed without benefit of bond pending his trial in January because officials fear he will stop at nothing to call attention to the disease that is slowly taking his life.

"I wouldn't put anything past him because he has nothing, and I mean nothing, to lose," Police Lt. Paul Robeson told reporters. "He was diagnosed as having AIDS three years ago and figures he has six months to live at best.

"If we put him back on the streets there's no telling what he might do. He wants to publicize the plight of AIDS victims and I don't doubt that he would murder his own mother if that would help him accomplish his goals."

The mind-numbing drama reportedly unfolded when Gleason — who weighs only 83 pounds and has open sores on into a jam-packed mall in Paris on December 17.

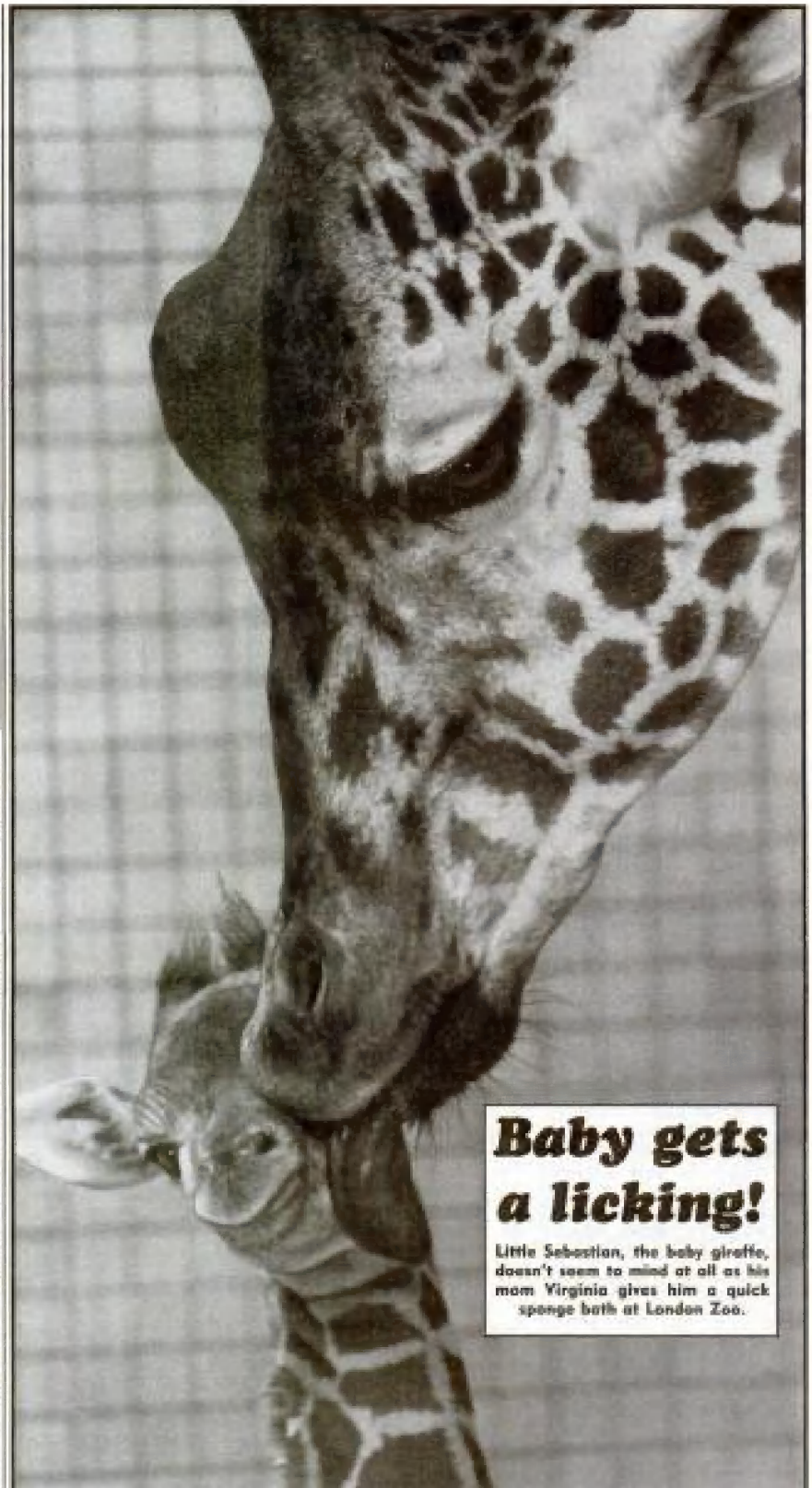
Eyewitnesses said he pulled a single bottle of bubble soap from his coat pocket and shrieked: "I've got AIDS! I've got AIDS! And you're going to get it, too!"

Gleason then started blowing bubbles into the crowd causing a panic that set off a wild stampede. A 73-year-old woman and a 23-year-old man were stomped to death in the rush to escape the bubbles. Nine other people were hurt.

In his statement to detectives, Gleason reportedly accused society "of shunning and neglecting AIDS patients" and admitted that the only thing he lives for "is revenge."

Lt. Robeson said: "We've talked to numerous doctors and AIDS researchers about the incident and they agree that the chances of catching the disease from a soap bubble lie somewhere between slim and none.

"This incident never would



Baby gets a licking!

Little Sebastian, the baby giraffe, doesn't seem to mind at all as his mom Virginia gives him a quick sponge bath at London Zoo.

Whisper from a tomb!

FIREMAN listens for Eve Krejci's cries for help.

NATURAL gas explosion reduced Eve Krejci's apartment building to rubble.

MEARacle rescue of woman trapped under tons of rubble

By MICHAEL TODD
Special correspondent

For almost seven hours, Eve Krejci endured the agony of a broken back and shattered leg while rescuers struggled to free her from the tons of rubble that entombed her — after her apartment was ripped by an explosion!

Despite injuries, the 35-year-old casino worker is lucky to be alive.

The gas explosion that devastated her London apartment house left nine other tenants dead in the debris.

As firemen slowly lifted her shattered body from the ruins, her first words expressed her gratitude for their lifesaving effort.

"Thank you very much for getting me out," she whispered. "I'll buy you all a drink later."

Eve was trapped almost seven hours earlier when an explosion, believed caused by leaking gas, destroyed the three-story building.

Tenants had reported smelling gas in the building early that morning and a repair crew was on the way when the blast occurred.

The search for Eve began when a fireman heard her faint cries for help coming from the mass of rubble.

"Quiet! Quiet! No one move," the fireman yelled.

A hushed silence fell over the scene as the fireman pressed his ear to the ruins. After a few moments, he heard her agonizing whisper, "I'm here."

Eve was finally located about four feet under the rubble, trapped under two big slabs of brick and mortar.

"We started with her toes and slowly worked up her body, clearing debris as we went," a fireman later said.

"She was terrified, but very brave. She just wanted us to get her out — and quickly."

Firemen and spectators cheered when at last Eve's body was lowered on a stretcher to an ambulance that rushed her to a hospital.

Firemen later found the crushed body of her 30-year-old sister Karen

BRUISED, broken but still alive, Eve Krejci is lifted out of the wreckage 7 hours af-

This 7-Eleven store will *NEVER* sell cigarettes!

Hot dogs, chips, ice cream and soft drinks are available to students at a 7-Eleven convenience store that just opened for business inside the cafeteria at Largo High School in Florida.

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"We've been real busy. Most students come here so they won't have to eat the school's food," 7-Eleven

This One

How you dance reveals your secret personality

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

Psychologists say the way you dance — and whether you dance at all — reveals a lot about your personality.

Here's what the experts say your hoofing style reveals about you:

THE GOOD-TIME CHARLIE OR CHARLENE

These people dance nearly every number, sometimes with their eyes closed, fingers snapping and bodies swaying to the beat of the music. "They're confident, sociable, fun-loving and independent people who don't care how others judge their dancing skills," said Dr. Sandra Haber, a top psychologist.

LOVERS

The eyes of the true romantics never leave their dance partner. "Lovers are caring people who are sensitive and courteous," Dr. Haber explained.

THE SHY GUY OR GAL

These people have to work up their nerve just to get out on the dance floor and they're likely to sit out the fast numbers. They're too worried to relax, so their dancing will be stiff and mechanical. "These people are inhibited, but they have active imaginations. They think, 'I'll probably bump someone, then everyone will laugh at me.' And that prevents them from loosening up and having a good time," said Dr. Haber.

Dr. Thomas Greening, a clinical supervisor in psychology, added: "These people have a lot of inner courage, or they wouldn't be out on the dance floor in the first place."

COMPETITORS

They constantly eyeball the other dancers, picking out weak points, judging them and even laughing at them because they're not championship-caliber hoofers.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER DANCERS

They're out on the floor for every dance, know all the latest steps and take up half the dance floor.

"Men of this type often wear cream-white vested suits, high-heeled shoes and lots of chains around the neck, while the women wear flamboyant disco outfits with lots of chains," Dr. Haber said. "Such people are competitive and aggressive," she added.

PEOPLE WHO DON'T DANCE AT ALL

"These are subdued types who prefer good company and quiet conversation to the blare of a dance band," explained Dr. Greening. "They come to dances to give their partners a chance to dance with others," he said.

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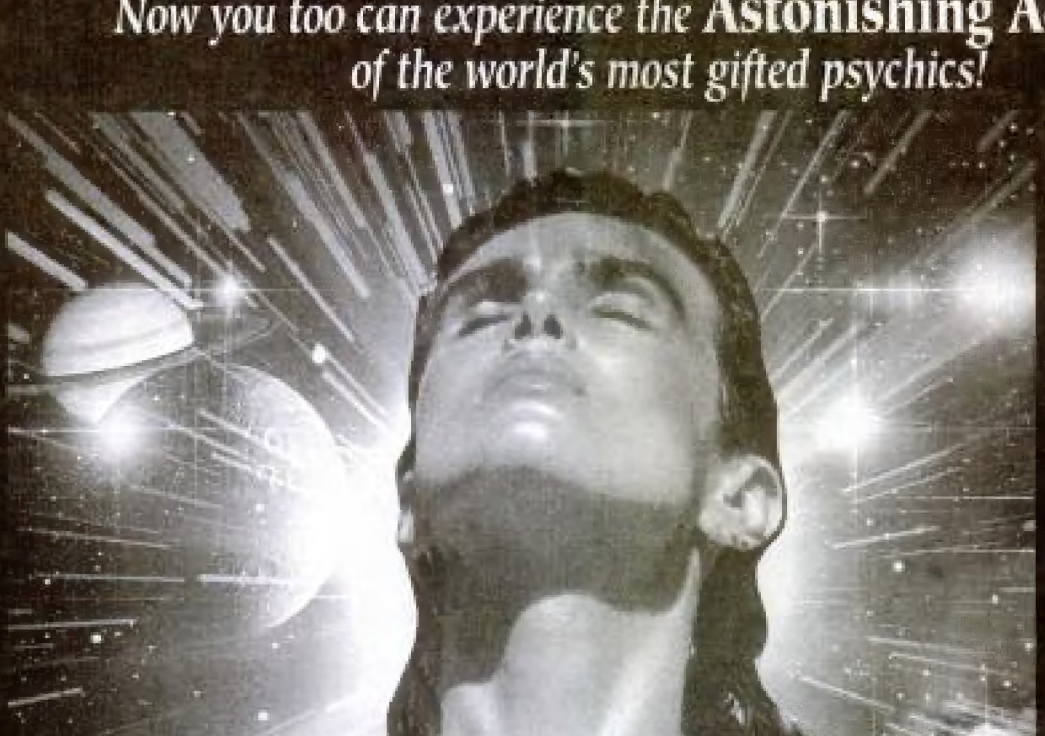

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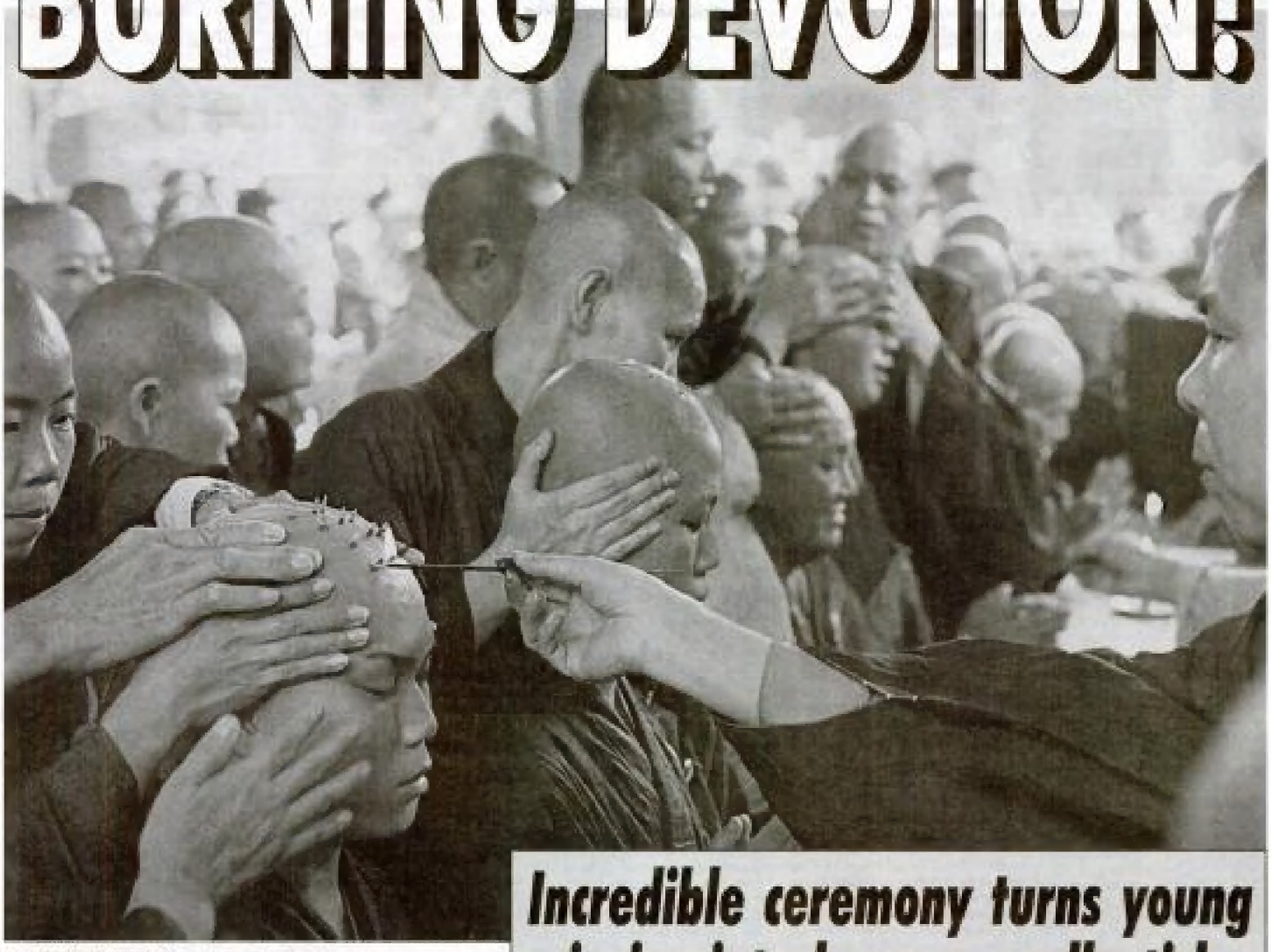

Incredible ceremony turns young virgins into human candlesticks to prove their love for Buddha!

By ROBERT ALLEN/ *Special to The NEWS*

Teenage virgins in Singapore who want to dedicate their lives as Buddhist nuns must first prove that they are worthy — by enduring the agony of flaming sticks poked into their shaved heads!

The young novitiates kneel before the altar in a Buddhist temple where they meditate in absolute silence as needle-sharp wooden sticks are stabbed into their scalps and then set ablaze.

The pain they suffer must be excruciating, but the girls who pass the test utter not so much as a whimper as their scalps begin to scorch.

And they will carry the ugly sticks for the rest of their days as visible evidence that they have devoted their lives in the service of Buddha.

It is the final ceremony in a week-long initiation ritual that takes on the air of a Mardi Gras festival complete with feasts, fireworks and other gala events open to all except the candidate nuns.

The young virgins come from all walks of life. Many are servant girls, while others are the daughters of wealthy merchants.

They spend the initiation week in the central temple of Siong Lim Si for seven days of fasting and meditation under the watchful eyes of Buddhist monks. On the final day, their heads are shaved and they vow never to touch a man — not their worldly goods — their luxuries and womanly pleasures — before they can devote their lives to Buddha.

Facing the high priest, the girls kneel in silent prayer as the sticks are stuck into their scalps and set ablaze. Some they live. Then they are ushered into the temple and kneel before the altar. The air is heavy with incense, and mingled with the rhythmic beat of drums and the clashing of cymbals is the chanting of Buddhist monks.

sear their heads. Others give no outward sign of the horrendous pain.

The ceremony is followed by three more days of fasting. Then each girl gets a symbolic meal of rice and vegetables before being assigned to a temple.

As Buddhist nuns they are allowed only one possession — the holy book they will carry

Most guys can't spot a gal's come-on!

Women give out clear signals when they're interested in a man — but most men are too stupid to recognize them, says a researcher. If a man doesn't get a woman's signals she tends to blame herself.

"She's thinking that she isn't attractive enough or that she didn't do it right," said biologist Dr. Timothy Perper. "Instead she should say, 'This guy is pretty dumb.' "

Here are some of the most obvious signals that women send, according to Dr. Perper.

Commit them to memory, guys, and romance is on the way.

- Looking at the man and stroking her hair.
- Shifting her weight so she turns toward the man looking directly at him.
- Touching him lightly or picking an imaginary piece of lint off his jacket.
- Offering to read his palm.
- Moving physically closer to him.

Dr. Perper began to observe signals women send after noticing the courting ritual in singles bars was similar to mating dances of rats he was studying.

With two grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, he documented women's signals during visits to more than 100 singles bars. He discovered that some women send out signals for hours, but others give up after a few minutes.

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Hubby chops up his cheatin' wife — and feeds her to the cat!

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

Fed-up hubby John Perry hit on a neat way to get rid of the body after he murdered his two-timing, ex-hooker wife Arminda — he chopped her up, cooked her on the kitchen stove and fed her to his cat!

But Boris the cat couldn't eat nearly fast enough and there were still a lot of pieces of Arminda scattered about when cops came poking around for the source of a gut-wrenching stench that had Perry's neighbors up in arms.

Now Perry is being tried for murder although he swears he is innocent.

But Inspector Ross Duffield testified that when questioned in his home in Higher Kinnerton, Wales, 32-year-old Perry admitted he had killed her, adding, "I have done a good turn. I fed her to the cat."

Tubby Boris was napping on a chair as detectives searched Perry's house and garage.

"I saw sacks in the garage containing what appeared to be cooked meat and flesh-covered bone," Duffield said. "There was an awful smell of putrid and burned flesh. It was so pungent, I could taste it.

"As we returned to the kitchen, Mr. Perry pointed to shopping bags and said, 'I cooked her and fed some of her to the cat.'"

According to Duffield, Perry said he met Arminda in 1984 when she was a prostitute in the Philippines.

He said he married her because he felt sorry for her and her young daughter. He brought her to Wales, but after five years the marriage was on the rocks and they decided to divorce.

The last straw for Perry came when he found Arminda having oral sex with another man in a dance hall parking lot, witnesses testified.

Cops, however, feel he may have murdered his wife to avoid a $20,000 divorce settlement he had agreed to pay her.

A former meat cutter has testified that John had asked him a few weeks before the murder how to butcher a human body. He said he also asked about the taste of human flesh.

Duffield said Perry admitted strangling Arminda before butchering and

Centerfold still an eye-popper — 14 years later

Curvy Marilyn Cole was a Playboy centerfold 14 years ago and she still is an eye-popping sight on a beach in the sunny Caribbean. "I love to sunbathe — wearing

20 months after the death of wife Jill Ireland, Charles Bronson says. . .

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low himself to break down," says Bronson the brave. "If a man can't withstand what's

down, that, to me, is a little wimpy."

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family was so poor you had to wear a sister's hand-me-down dresses to school, so

WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

By JOHN HANNON

only 13, then you'd be tough, too. "It's not that I'm like the boss," says Bronson. "I am the boss!" But the boss was thrown for a loss by wife Jill's tell-all autobios, *Life Wish* and *Life Lines*.

"I couldn't understand how she could be so free with her life and our lives," says Bronson, who still mourns her death.

"There's no end to the mourning. It's everlasting — if you are aware. It's very nice, of course, not to be aware. But that will never, ever be me. That's just not part of my nature." The famous granite-hard Bronson mask is very much part of his nature, though.

"I don't want anybody to know too much about me. The face I present is the one I want to be known for. Nothing else." — *TV Guide*

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Who says raving beauties like **Claudia Schiffer, Elle Macpherson** and **Cindy Crawford** are airheads? The superstar models took an I.Q. test along with three so-called "learned" women. And guess what? The knockouts passed with flying colors and the eggheads flunked!

One of the brains hails from Yale, another's a rabbi and the third is a doctor. Here's some of the queries that stumped the smarties.

What are the names of the two airports in Paris? *Orly and Roissy/Charles de Gaulle.*

What is the French word for shoe? *Chaussure.* How many calories are in a banana? *About 100.* What color is ecru? *Off-white beige.* — *Mademoiselle*

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The crusty cruelty that won **Henry Fonda** a long-overdue Oscar for *On Golden Pond* wasn't acting — old Hank hated daughter Jane. "Everything you've heard is true," reveals **Mark Rydell**, the director. "I have to hand it to her for pursuing him so assiduously, when he resisted her and was so difficult. It was painful to watch. She threw up before every scene she played with him. It was sensational for me because it was what the picture was about." — *Madeline*

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Before AIDS it was the swinging 60s slogan, "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll." Now 10 years into the deadly plague that's sweeping showbiz, it's "socks, rugs and guacamole." The recent death of **Freddie Mercury** of the Brit group **Queen** has rocker **Ozzie Osborne** doing some soul-searching. "For Freddie to get AIDS, well, it can happen to me," says Ozzie. "I don't mess around at all, but in the past I have. We all have. It haunts me." — *Montreal Gazette*

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Who was that hot hunk doing a mean version of *Jailhouse Rock* at a D.C. nightspot the other a.m.? None other than *Cheers'* **Woody Harrelson**. "I couldn't stomach the notion of another TV star trying to sing, but I finally got over it," cracked the Woodman. Backed by a bruising brass section and **Three Kool Kats**, a tight harmony trio, scouts say Woody didn't sound half bad. — *Washington Post*

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Old age hasn't withered the huge ego of **Howard Cosell's**. "Apparently, I've conquered cancer," the 73-year-old sportscasting legend says. "I won't have to go through chemotherapy or radiation treatments. I'm the luckiest man alive." — *USA Today*

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This is how potty-mouthed sexpot **Carre Otis** keeps the shape that keeps boyfriend **Mickey Rourke** enthralled.

"I exercise every day, the Stairmaster for an hour, then upper body weights and 300 sit-ups," says curvy Carre.

"I watch my diet for health reasons. I went on a 10% percent macrobiotic diet but that made me a little nutty."

Hmm, would you elaborate on this little nuttiness, Miss Otis? OK, only asking! — *San Francisco Examiner*

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Leggy anchor **Diane Sawyer** used to date football great **Frank Gifford** — until **Kathie Lee** laid eyes on the old hunk.

"I turn my back for 2 1/2 hours on a Thursday afternoon, I look up. She has him out the checkout counter, out the door, bagged and in her car," says the dazed Diane.

"I didn't even know what hit me."

Neither did Frank. Soon after he asked Kathie to marry him. — *News*

NEWS goddess Diane Sawyer barely had time to bid former beau Frank Gifford goodbye when Kathy Lee got ahold of him.

HOWARD COSELL KO's CANCER!

How does curvy Carre Otis keep wild man Mickey Rourke in line?

'Lethal Weapon' star hates her butt . . . can you believe it?

Stunning newcomer **Patsy Kensit**, who's knocking moviegoers out in her latest flick, *21*, has a vision problem. She thinks her backside is too big. "If there was one thing I could change about my body it would be my bum. I think it's too big," says Patsy. "On a scale of one to ten, I'd give myself about four."

Either scales are growing over our eyes, or Patsy really doesn't know what she's talking about. What do you think? — *London Express*

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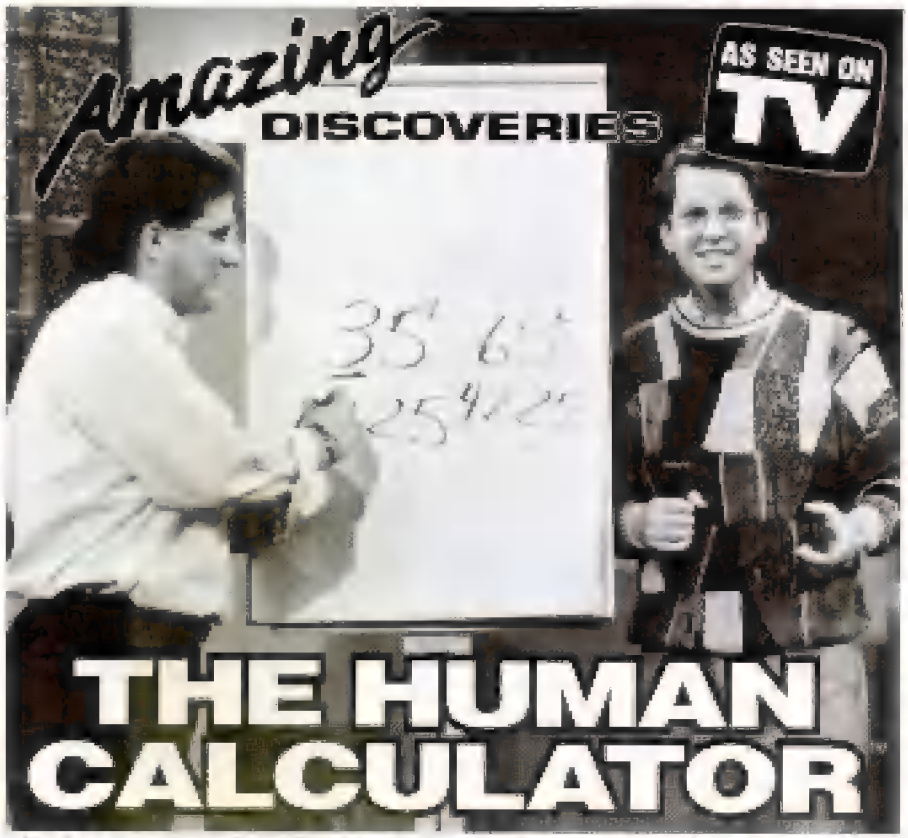

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SICKOS ATTACK WOMEN AND STEAL THEIR HAIR!

By JOE BERGER
Staff writer

Heartless hoodlums on a crazed quest for kicks have attacked hundreds of helpless young women with knives, razors and broken bottles — grabbing the unsuspecting gals and stealing the hair right off their heads!

The two-bit toughs have struck in big cities all across Brazil, approaching good-looking ladies on a busy sidewalk, hacking off their long, flowing locks — then fleeing into the crowd with their booty.

"These bums are totally ruthless and a lot of the time their victims wind up bruised and bloody," said Belo Horizonte police investigator Andre Gustavo da Silva.

"They're after the hair, but some of them don't care if they slit a lady's throat to get it."

Flabbergasted lawmen believe some punks peddle the kidnapped curls to wigmakers, who use them in hairpieces selling for up to $1,400 apiece.

But most of the hair raids are pulled off just for the hell of it, cops say.

"It's become like a fad, a sick game these creeps are playing to prove their manhood," said Rio de Janeiro police detective Dondato da Costa. "And it's happening everywhere — Rio, Belo Horizonte, Brasilia, Sao Paulo, everywhere.

"The women's hair is a kind of trophy to prove to their buddies that the hunt was successful.

"But to me, it's hard to imagine how these slimeballs think they can prove they're macho by attacking a defenseless woman with a knife and then running away like a scared little boy."

The first rape of the locks was reported three months ago when a hard-hearted hooligan attacked Maria Aparecida da Conceicao Silva de Oliveira, 28, on a street in Belo Horizonte and slashed off her long, blonde hair with a razor. Since then, thugs have been trashing ladies' tresses at a rate of five attacks a day.

So far, no one has been killed by a hairnapper, but many pitiful victims will be scarred for life — both physically and emotionally.

"This is a much more brutal crime here than it might be in other parts of the world because Brazilian women treasure their long hair almost as much as life itself," said police psychiatrist Dr. Teresa Torres.

"They let it grow for years and when it's taken away, it's like taking their very heart and soul.

"And maybe that's why these hard-hearted hoodlums have adopted this as a way of expressing their manhood — because short of killing her, it's about the meanest thing they can do to a woman."

Lottery shocker

The Massachusetts Daily Lottery recently ran the same four numbers — two nights in a row!

"To the best of my recollection, that has never happened before," said state lottery spokesman, David Ellis.

The lucky numbers were 1-5-3-5.

Michigan man has visited every county in the country

Traveling Allen Zondiak has earned the right to be called America's No. 1 "County Man" after visiting all 3,142 counties in the U.S. in the past 36 years.

Zondiak, 57, finally reached the end of his personal rainbow with a recent visit to Nantucket, Mass. "I had my entire family with me, all my children, their spouses, grandchildren," he said.

His unusual hobby grew from an interest in geography

back from," Zondiak said. He's been to the smallest county (Kalawao on Molokai, Hawaii), the largest (San Bernardino in California) and the most populated (Los Angeles).

In his 36-year trek across the U.S., the "County Man" booked discount air fares, ate and slept in budget places

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MY AMERICA
By ED ANGER

Jingle bells and shotgun shells ...that's what little boys need!

It ain't Christmas without the gift of GUNS!

I'm madder than Santa Claus stuck in the chimney over my thunderthighs daughter-in-law Candy pitching a hissy fit when I bought my grandson a shotgun for Christmas!

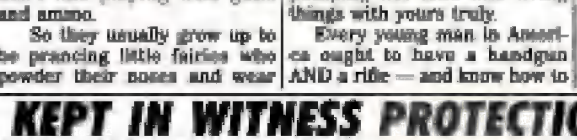
Just because he's only 5 years old doesn't mean he's too young to start putting some meat on the table. My dad gave me my first gun when I was just 3 and let me shoot a chicken every time we wanted one for supper, by jiminey!

Dad even let me bag our old milk cow when she got too old to produce anymore.

I took her down at 20 yards with one shot from my trusty .22 — when I was just 6, for crying out loud.

Let's face it. If these whiney, sniveling women's libbers and animal lovers get their way, guns will be outlawed and we'd have a whole generation of homosexuals on our hands.

Pass the eggnog, pass the turkey...and pass the ammo!



Everybody knows sissy boys don't like playing with guns and ammo.

So they usually grow up to be prancing little fairies who powder their noses and wear lipstick. And if my hardbutt daughter-in-law had anything to say about it, my grandson Teddy would probably grow up listening to Liberace instead of pumping hot lead into living things with yours truly.

Every young man in America ought to have a handgun AND a rifle — and know how to use them, for Christmas sake!

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Then where would we be, huh? Sitting around Christmas dinner in a tepee, that's where!

I'm going to take little Teddy out in the backyard and let him shoot anything he wants within reason — my old dog Dodger excluded, of course.

But if his mother's stupid cat pokes his head out of the bushes I'm going to let Teddy open up on that critter with both barrels — and have his first kill stuffed and mounted!

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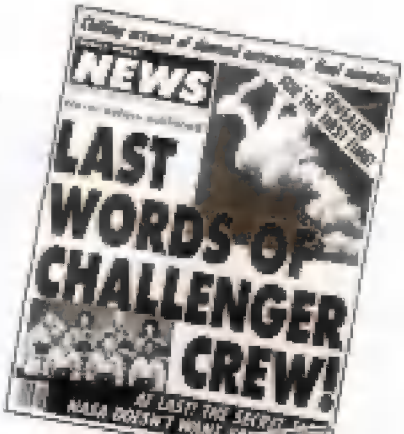

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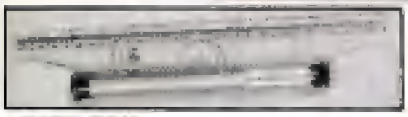

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SIGHTLESS HERO Adam Chalifoux, right, groped his way through a blazing apartment to save the lives of his brother Aaron, left, and his mother, Denise.

Blind boy, 5, rescues mom and brother, 3, from burning house!

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

Adam Chalifoux' mom and brother would have died in the inferno that destroyed their home if the gutsy 5-year-old hadn't stumbled through the flames to rouse them from their sleep — even though he's totally blind!

"I felt the heat on my face and I knew there was a fire," the amazing little hero explained. "I knew that I had to run upstairs and get Mommy or there would be no more Adam and no more Aaron."

Adam's 26-year-old mom Denise was sound asleep when the blaze broke out in the family's rented two-story home near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. But she was jarred wide awake by the boy's screams of "Mommy! Mommy! The fire's hot!"

Because of Adam's courage in the face of an unseen threat, Denise was able to get herself and the boys out of the house untouched by the roaring flames.

"If Adam hadn't alerted me to the fire, I wouldn't be talking to you now," the proud mother said emphatically.

After she had gotten the boys out, Denise dashed back into the house to save what clothing she could.

Despite her gallant effort, everything else the family owned was destroyed in the $35,000 blaze.

Fire officials praised Adam not only for saving his mom and brother, but for having the sense to do what most fire victims far too seldom think to do.

"When he led his brother out of their bedroom, Adam shut the door," a fireman explained.

"That single act helped prevent the flames from spreading before they got out. That boy may be blind, but he's one of the smartest kids for his age that I've ever seen. I have some grownups that could learn a lot from him."

Investigators believe the 2 a.m. blaze broke out in the boys' bedroom, apparently the result of Aaron, 3, playing with a candle and a lighter.

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— Disgusted in Atlanta

Dear Disgusted: If I were you I'd run to the nearest priest and try to get this sham-of-a-marriage annulled. Your little sex-change cutie should have told you the score before you tied the knot. And since she didn't, you ought to be able to have the marriage dissolved without compromising your religion!

I'm a perfect kid but my parents act like I'm trash!

Dear Dotti: I've done everything I could possibly do to make my parents proud of me but they still think I'm a piece of trash.

I make straight A's in school, I hold down a part-time job to pay my share of the bills at home, and I've never done anything to embarrass them. What gives? How can I make my parents like me? — Disturbed Teen in Seattle

Dear Disturbed: Some parents condemn and demean their children no matter how good they are. I know you've got a tough row to hoe, kid, but keep your dignity and self-respect. One day you'll be old enough to leave the nest — and kiss your crappy parents goodbye forever!

My gross hostess let her dog clean my dinner plate!

Dear Dotti: My new neighbor invited me to his house for dinner the other night and you won't believe what happened after I got there.

When we sat down to eat his wife realized we were one setting short, so she marched into the kitchen, got a filthy plate out of the sink and let their sheepdog lick it clean.

Then she marched back to the table, put down the plate and piled on food like there was no tomorrow. I started laughing because I thought the whole thing was some kind of a joke. But it wasn't a joke because she handed the plate to me and it was clear they expected me to eat. I didn't have much of an appetite left but I did the best I could. Was I right to overlook the incident — or wrong? — Disgusted in Phoenix

Dear Disgusted: Don't be stupid. If you had any self-respect at all you would have spit in the lady's face — and stomped straight home!

My New Year's resolutions are just a waste of time!

Dear Dotti: I always make a New Year's resolution but I never stick to any of them. I've resolved to stop drinking, smoking and womanizing, all to no avail. Help me out here, Dotti. I really do want to make a resolution that I can live up to! — Fred in Birmingham

Dear Fred: Why don't you resolve to be a spineless pinhead. That way you won't have to do ANYTHING special to succeed!

Confidential!

Dear Computer Buff in Slocomb: Say what you like, nerd. My idea of "hardware" is a big strong man!

Dear Angry in Pastille: Don't be a stooge. When the Good Lord calls His children home I have every intention of being among them!

Dear Confused in Norwich: I see nothing wrong with pulling the boss' pants down at the company party if you're planning to quit your job anyway.

Dear Anxious Oldster in Elba: Once a month is more than enough for a cool like you!

Dear Wondering in Standard City: Judging from the snapshot you sent, your biggest problems are those big, fishy lips!

Dotti will answer your letters — and tell it like it is. Just write to her, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Ask the Countess

Is the ghost of a snake haunting my bathroom?

Dear Countess: This may sound crazy to you but I'm afraid to go to the bathroom because I can't stop thinking that the ghost of a snake is going to poke its head out of the toilet or shower drain and bite me on the butt or foot. When I was a child I killed a snake in our yard and I feel like the thing is coming back to haunt me. Are my fears correct, Countess? If so, is there anything at all you can do to help me?
— Scared in Toronto

COUNTESS SOPHIA SABAK
offers readers personal advice based on your horoscope. Write to Countess Sabak, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla., 33462. Include your birth date. The Countess' advice is free. Do not send money.

Dear Scared: You were wise to write to me. Ghost snakes are a very real problem and actually more common than most people realize. And this time it is not all in your head. There really is a ghost snake in your bathroom. But you should be fearful of your fears are rooted in fact! A neighbor's python escaped through a drain pipe and is now living in your bathroom. Call a good plumber or snake handler to lure the critter out. When it's gone your fears will ghost snake leave you alone forever.

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Dear Countess: Can you please help my daughter? Everything she touches turns to garbage and bad luck follows her everywhere she goes. Last week she lost her job and her purse. Her car was stolen and her 11-year-old son got straight F's on his report card. I've done everything I can do for the girl. Can you help? — Heartbroken in Sacramento

Dear Heartbroken: Your daughter has definitely had more than her fair share of misfortune. But I'm sure she's not to blame for all of it. Tell her to stop feeling sorry for herself and do something in my power to help. My spell of good fortune and protection is a start. I'm sending her a special "luck magnet" to guarantee success!

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PERSONAL TO...

Devastated in Los Angeles: **This is merely a temporary setback, my child. You'll land the starring role in a major new television series come spring!**

Worried in Washington: **The economic situation isn't nearly as bad as it looks. I foresee a dramatic upturn and the creation of thousands of new jobs!**

INCREDIBLE PHOTOS!

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37-year-old 'girl' do

By RICK TRACY
Special correspondent

Half-pint Connie
rosy-cheeked first-gr
a 37-year-old medic
aged a bit in the pas

The amazing young wo
by's bottom. Her liver, lungs
show no more signs of w
and tear than a healthy n
born baby.

"What we have here is a girl
the mind of an intelligent, mat
woman whose body has aged
one year for every five years of
life," said a gerontology expert
recently examined Connie.

"Most people pay plastic
geons big money for the gift Co
has been given," he added.

But looking like a child in
school, college and now in the
paced, adult business world ha
always been easy for Connie, wh
a computer programmer in Pi
burgh, Pa.

"It's difficult getting respec
the working world when you loo
though you should be playing
Barbie dolls," said incredible
nie, who is barely 4-feet tall.

Born January 12, 1954, Conni
the youngest of three children
a middle-class family in the

SHOCKING sight: Half-pint Connie McClintick, 37, takes an after-hours break at a local nightspot where bartenders are familiar with her condition.

LONELY gal: Connie spruces herself up for a night out — alone. She'd like to have a steady boyfriend someday.

Over 200 boo-boos found!

New history textbook says we A-bombed North Korea!

Publishers of new history textbooks for the Texas school system got an "F" for their efforts after educators found the books contained more than 200 errors.

Here are a few of the glaring mistakes:

an conflict by "using the bomb." (The A-bomb was used on the Japanese in WW2.)

Martin Luther King and Bob- ert Kennedy were shot while Richard Nixon was President. (Lyndon Johnson was in office.)

George Bush defeated Mi- chael Dukakis in 1988. It was in

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McClinick looks like a der, but she's actually al marvel who hasn't 29 years.

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MEDICAL MARVEL!

COPS' heads turn whenever little Connie goes for a spin in her sports car, and she says she's been stopped many times by officers who find her story hard to believe!

CHILD-LIKE Connie works as a computer programmer.

mally as did my parents. I was the only freak in the family," she said.

"My friends used to tease me in college by holding me by the hand as we crossed the street. We'd go for pizza and they'd slap a bib on me."

Dating boys — and now men — has been a problem all of Connie's "young" life.

"Boys were hesitant to be seen in public with me because it would look like they were robbing the cradle," she said. "And I can't say I blame them."

Connie dates about once a week now, but she has no steady boyfriend.

"We don't go to cocktail lounges because it's too embarrassing when I'm refused a drink — even when I show them my birth certificate."

Child-like Connie has been stopped in her car by cops many times because she doesn't look old enough to drive.

Store clerks have refused to sell her cigarettes and she wasn't allowed to a

my age," she said. "To really grow old, I'd have to live about 350 years or so."

Gerontology experts who have examined Connie through the years are quick to point out she is neither a midget nor dwarf.

"This young woman is growing every-

er," said one physician.

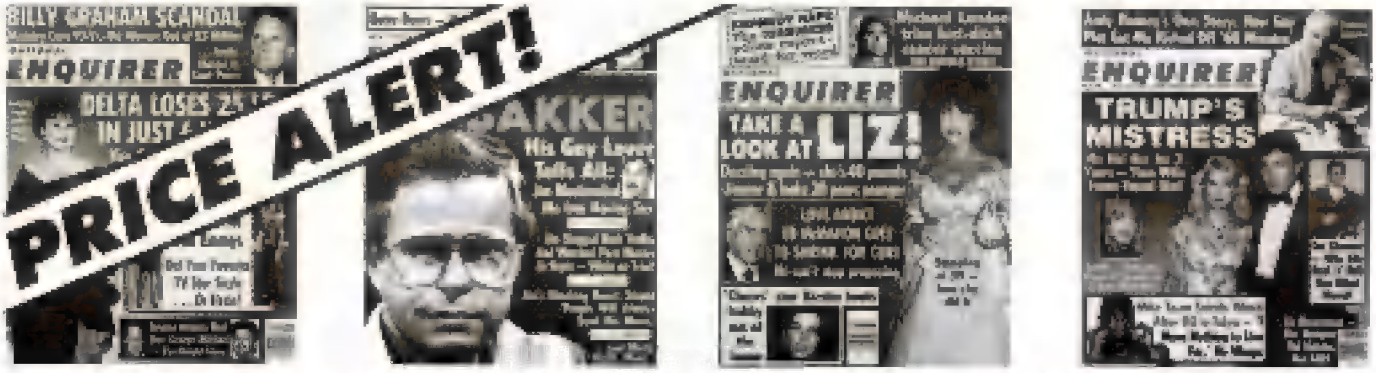
Doctors have been studying Connie almost since the day she was born. "Perhaps through her, we can discover the secret of aging and do something to slow

Sicko shoots bear — for its gall bladder!

A $800 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of the brainless slob who killed Duke, one of Canada's best-known black bears — just to get the poor critter's gall bladder!

The 15-year-old bear was shot and his gall bladder removed before he was left to rot in a garbage dump in Manitoba's Mountain National Park.

Bear gall bladders are commonly used in traditional Asian medicines.



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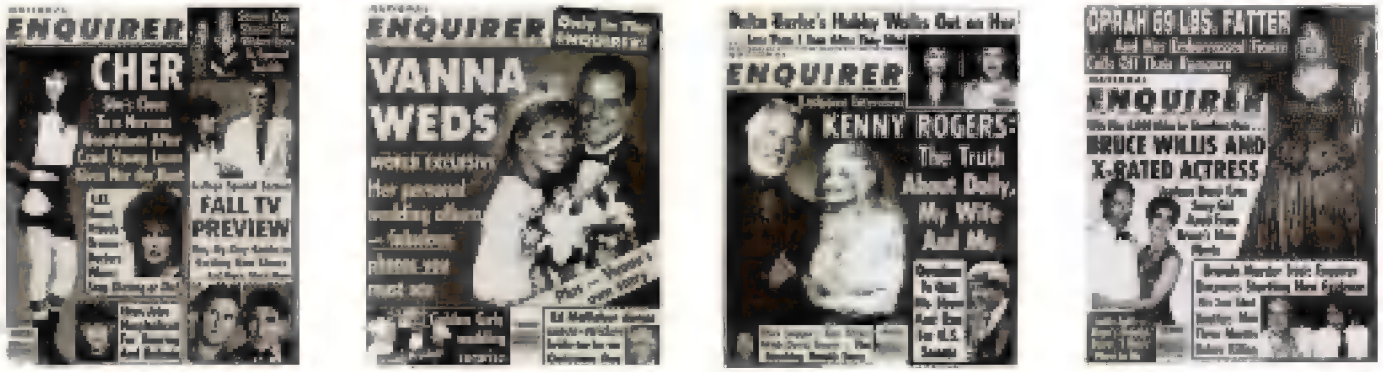

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'THE REPO MAN TOOK MY WIFE'S TOMBSTONE!'

Woman's grave marker was yanked to settle $410 debt

"I JUST don't think it's right," says Brian Shafer after church officials in Silver Spring, Md., removed his wife's tombstone.

By JACK ALEXANDER

Staff writer

Repo man Brian Shafer found out how it feels to be on the other side when he didn't keep up the payments on his dead wife's tombstone and it was repossessed — by a church.

"They beat me at my own game for a measly $410. I can't believe they did that," said Shafer, who manages a company that tows your car away if you fall too far behind in payments.

But business is business, said the manager of the Catholic Archdiocese-owned Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Md., where Shafer, 25, buried his wife, Mary, after she died nearly two years ago of breast cancer.

Shafer said he paid $500 down on a $900 bronze and granite tombstone for his wife's grave, and despite three dunning letters from the cemetery, he didn't pay the $410 balance, which included eternal maintenance of $310 for the gravesite.

"I think we're being compassionate, but we're in business, too," cemetery director Monsignor Martin Christopher said.

"It's unfortunate that we have to push the button and say, 'Pay up,' but that's the way it is."

The church didn't remove the gravestone until Shafer ignored three warning letters, including a certified letter, to pay the balance, according to Monsignor Christopher.

The certified letter was returned unanswered.

When Shafer didn't pay, the tombstone was dug up and stored with 50 others that have been repossessed from the cemetery.

"If you don't pay your bills, we remove the marker," said cemetery manager Samuel French.

He said Shafer also owes the cemetery another $315 to cover the cost of removing and replacing the marker on his wife's grave.

Shafer said he didn't realize he owed the $310 to keep the grave area grass mowed forever.

He said he didn't receive any of the dunning letters because he had moved after his wife's death.

"I hired an attorney, Thomas Doyle, and we paid the Gate of Heaven Cemetery a visit yesterday," Shafer told The Weekly World News.

SHAFER'S wife Mary died nearly two years ago of breast cancer.

was all I had and they put the tombstone back on my wife's grave. I'm going to pay the remaining $310, but I don't think I should have to pay them another $315 in costs for taking the marker away and bringing it back. I've got my lawyer looking into that," he said.

Docs are the world's worst tippers

Money grubbing doctors who charge outrageous prices at the office are the worst tippers at the bar, according to an expert.

Next in line for the biggest tightwads are women over 40, says Raymond Foley, publisher of *Bartender Magazine* which took a survey on the best tippers.

berning they never had any money and they just kept it as a bad habit," said Foley, who called a number of doctors to ask why they weren't good tippers.

Foley said "fortysomething" women are not only cheap, they're annoying too.

"They not only split the tip, they split the check, which is a six-hour process," he said.

"They come with their own calculators."

Your Social Security number reveals the real you!

The numbers on your Social Security card reveal a lot about your personality, a top numerologist says.

Here's how to find out what your Social Security number means: Add together the nine digits. Then take the answer and add its digits together. Keep doing this until you have arrived at a single, one-digit answer. That's your special number.

For example, if your Social Security number is 123-45-6789, simply add 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9, which totals 45. To reduce 45 to a one-digit number, just add 4+5, which equals 9. In this case, 9 would be your own special number.

Here's what your number means:

1. "You're a quick-thinker, a decision-maker who's future-oriented and bound for success. If you started out moving stock in a supermarket, soon you'd have people working under you."

2. "Patience makes you the perfect partner for any project. You know how to keep people motivated and you have a good sense of order."

3. "Life fills you with joy, and your happy-go-lucky attitude makes you popular and always fun to be with. You're a trend-setter — people genuinely listen to you."

4. "Practical people like you get things done no matter what. You are a hard-worker. You'd never miss work without a good reason."

5. "You're creative, adventurous, and you love to travel. You're good at design and love entertainment."

6. "Number six is the peace-maker — the person who searches for peace and harmony among others. You're also very good with children, and children love you in return. Home is where your heart is."

7. "There's a natural detective inside you, a person with a sharp eye for detail who finds out things without even trying. You can see right through a lie."

8. "Handling money is a specialty of yours. You don't save every penny, but spend money wisely on quality items."

9. "Luck seems to follow you everywhere you go. You show up for a job before the ad is even placed in the paper. People see your confident style and respect you."

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Honest man returns million bucks — and gets baseball cards as reward!

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

When honest Brian Foster stumbled across more than $1 million in a bank deposit bag, he gave every last penny back to its rightful owner — who thanked him with a lousy $25 box of baseball playing cards!

Needless to say, the 47-year-old Michigan granddad wasn't too impressed by the staggering reward for his unfaltering honesty.

"It never even occurred to me to keep the money," Brian told *The Weekly World News*. "And I wasn't expecting anything more than thanks for returning it.

"But I HATE baseball! I wished they had bought me and my wife dinner instead of giving me those cards."

Brian, who lives in the Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming, was driving home from the bank when he spotted a bag. He stopped, picked it up and opened it. Inside was the $1,867,738 deposit belonging to the firm of S. Abraham and Sons.

Brian said when he called the firm to tell them he had found the deposit, the woman he talked to didn't even bother to ask him his name.

"She didn't seem at all interested in who I was, just where I was...so they could recover their money," he explained. "In fact, they didn't learn my name until I asked for a receipt before they left my house with the money."

Before leaving the Foster home, a company official presented Brian with the box of baseball cards — available in most novelty shops for about $25 — as "a small token" of appreciation.

"They didn't impress me with their gratitude," Brian said with a chuckle.

Then, in a strange twist, the news media learned of Brian's honesty — and the extent of the firm's "gratitude" — and began nosing around for details.

Well, in no time at all, S. Abraham and Sons presented Brian with a somewhat revised token of appreciation — a check for $5,000.

THANKS a lot! After Brian Foster returned more than a million bucks to the firm that had lost it they rewarded him with a $25 box of baseball cards — a prize his grandson Troy thought was pretty neat.

Angry hubby fires gun at TV — and ends up killing his wife!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

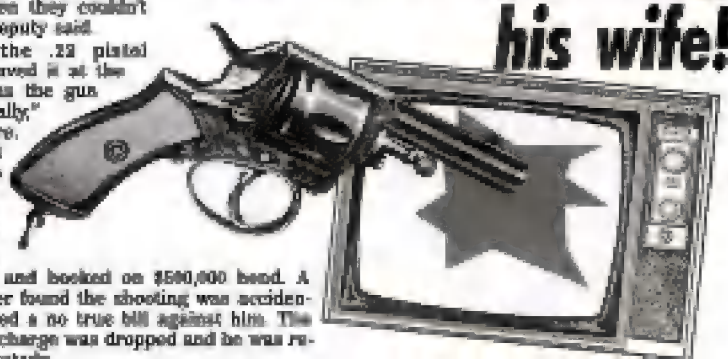
"If my grandkids can't watch TV, nobody will," said angry grandpa Clarence Lewis as he whipped out his gun and aimed at the tube — but accidentally shot and killed his wife.

"The gun went off and he saw his wife fall," said Sheriff's Detective Joe Oubre. "He saw her lying there not moving and called us."

Lewis had been babysitting some of his grandchildren in LaPlace, La., when his wife, Sara, came home.

"The youngsters wanted to watch TV, but Mrs. Lewis was mad because the house was such a mess and told them, 'No,' " Det. Oubre said.

Lewis told his wife the house was his, the TV was his and he would blast the TV to



tell the children they couldn't watch it, the deputy said.

"He had the .22 pistol cocked and waved it at the TV and told us the gun fired accidentally," said Det. Oubre. "His wife fell from a shot to the eye."

Lewis, 49, was originally charged with manslaughter and booked on $500,000 bond. A grand jury later found the shooting was accidental and returned a no true bill against him. The manslaughter charge was dropped and he was re-

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'Careful' boss gets secretaries to sign bizarre sex contract

By JACK ALEXANDER / *Staff writer*

A cautious California lawyer got four of his five secretaries to sign a bizarre contract that says they mutually consent to any sexual harassment that may happen in the future.

"A man can't be too careful these days," said dapper attorney Douglas Palaschak. "I wanted to cross that bridge before I came to it."

LAWYER Douglas Palaschak calls himself a "men's libber."

The contract — which Palaschak prefers to call a waiver — says that each female secretary pledges that she "mutually consents to all words, acts, sexual innuendo, sexual acts, touching, lewd behavior, etc."

By signing the weird contract, each secretary declared "under threat of perjury" that "she does not have a jealous boyfriend or husband" and that she and Palaschak agree to "maintain discretion and confidentiality to preclude any unpleasant scenes."

The outspoken lawyer calls himself a "men's libber," who is tired of men being pushed around by "feminist bitches."

"Men are very vulnerable to women, especially in the workplace," he said. "Women say a lot of things at work that they really don't mean. And if a man reacts to that, the women scream sexual harassment. Then it's your word against theirs. That's why I drew up the waiver."

Palaschak said one secretary didn't sign the contract, and took it to Ventura County Deputy District Attorney Kim Gibbons instead.

Gibbons doesn't think the contract would protect Palaschak from sexual harassment charges. He has sent a copy of the contract to the State Bar Association.

Mom kills 3 sons as offering to volcano!

A Philippine woman slaughtered her sleeping sons with a sickle — as an offering to a volcano.

"God told me to do it," Lolita Arellano, 33, told reporters at the police station.

Arellano had told her sister that she was upset about the and that she was going to offer her children as a sacrifice.

So she slipped into the room where her three sons, ages 7, 6 and 4, were sleeping and slit their throats. Then she slashed her own wrists. Her sister found her and rushed her to the hospital, police said.

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For week of Wed., Jan. 1 — Tues., Jan. 7

By Countess Sophia Sabak

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Play your hunches!

You'll make some of your dreams come true if you trust your gut feelings about some money you'll find.

Luck is with you this week. You're going to love how it relieves you of a worry that's been dragging at your heels.

A real buddy is going to help you with an affair of the heart. That relationship is going to change from rocky to romantic — in an hour!

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

Step up the pace!

Go on a work binge on that homemaking project you've been planning with someone special.

Pay attention to a dream of something green. Someone wants to stuff some folding money into your pocket — and just when you can use it most!

Treat an old flame like you want them to treat you — with hearts and flowers and a big smooch!

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Take a little time off!

Right now you need to be waited on hand and foot. A little tender, loving care and you'll never feel like sniffling again.

A small windfall is on its way to you. You never thought you'd see anything from this source, but you couldn't be more wrong — this is only the beginning!

A loved one wants you to act silly. Do it! There's no reason not to.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Be a sweetie pie!

You can't make it without your loved ones. It never hurts to let them know how much they mean to you.

Be ready to act when a chance to make some extra cash is dumped in your lap. This is not the time to say "no" to some overtime.

Take a chance while you're out and smile at a stranger. A big grin will bring you both good luck!

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Put on your rose-colored glasses!

Everyone in your world loves you.

Your household backs you up all the way in whatever you want to do — they won't even mind when you make them toe the line on chores.

You're right on the money when a form you filled out pays off. Look for the loot to arrive in driveable form!

Morning radio has news for you.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Get going!

Strut your stuff this week. Show your stuff off to a new friend — almost a stranger — who can help you get the money you deserve.

Tell them you'll put your hand to anything legal to increase your cash flow.

When a sweetie tells you a secret you know better than to spread it around. You'll be thrilled with the results of your buttoned lips soon.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Listen to the call of the wild!

Go for out in your chase for cash. A wacky new product could be the moneymaker of your dreams. Check it out — and then put your heart into it.

Romance follows your favorite TV show. If you both watch it, you'll know how to get what you love.

Look through the neighborhood's trash. Someone's thrown out a treasure you can salvage!

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Ignore first impressions!

Someone's acting silly, but that's because their heart gives a lurch when you're near. Don't you love it?

Answer the phone, even if it rings after midnight. A relative wants to let you know you'll be looked after in their will.

Get a money problem out in the open. You'll get encouragement to go your way with a project you've been trying to get off the ground.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Burn your bridges!

An offer to start all over is in the cards. You've been waiting for this!

Give it a try — you can always go back to the old way.

Romantically, you're on a roll that should last for as long as you remember unasked-for gifts win hearts.

Your spirits soar when you hear from old friends who want you to join in a toe-tapping reunion.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Keep your eyes peeled!

All those coins and bills shoppers lose are waiting to jump into your pocket. This "found" loot is for buying some good times for all.

It's high time you took over someone's half-finished project. You're the one with the savvy to whip it into shape.

A family squabble will try your temper. Don't take sides, and it'll blow over by the weekend.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Wed., Jan. 1 — Tues., Jan. 7

What a wonderful year this will be for you and for all of your loved ones!

New adventures in life and love will pile up. Just waiting for you to choose the ones you like best.

Throw caution to the winds! Your luck is on an upswing. You can't put a foot wrong when you're handling money — and you'll have lots of it to play with.

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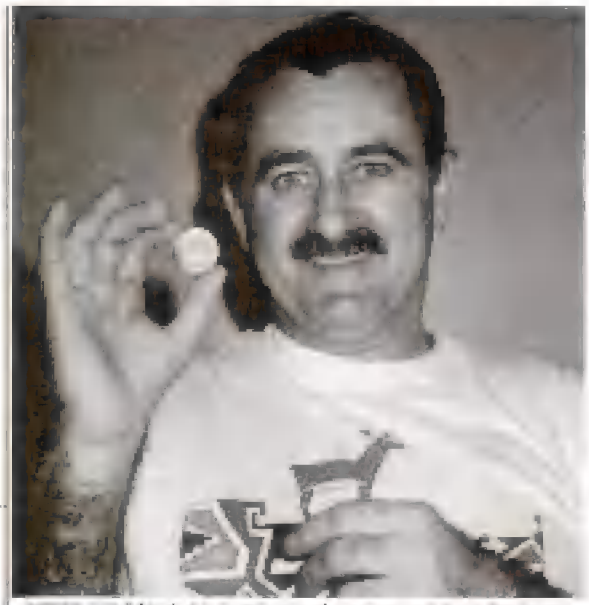

PETER WILSON holds bottle cap docs removed from his lungs.

18-YEAR COUGH CURED!

Docs remove bottle cap man swallowed in 1973

Peter Wilson had a cough he couldn't get rid of for 18 horrifying years until doctors discovered the cause of his problem — a small white plastic bottle cap lodged in his lung!

His endless hacking began when he was just 19 years old and went on year in and year out without letup. The Chicago man saw doctors and specialists all over the U.S., but no one could do anything for him.

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

"One doctor diagnosed my cough as asthma and allergies," recalled Wilson, now 37. "Another thought I had weak lungs. A lung specialist in Philadelphia said I had a chronic chest infection. And one expert even told me I had a tumor!"

In spite of doctors' attempts to cure his constant cough, Wilson suffered on, getting a little worse with each passing year. Figuring he'd never be cured, he tried to ignore his ailment and vowed to lead as normal a life as possible.

Wilson married and had a couple of kids and got a job as a painter. But after a few years he quit his job, fearing fumes were making his problem worse. He applied for a job at the local police department, but was turned down because of his persistent hacking.

coughing up blood and I got really worried," Wilson recalled. "I was desperate. I thought I was dying.

"A friend recommended that I go to a specialist in New York City. I didn't have much hope left but I went anyway — and at long last found out what my trouble was."

Shocked doctors found a small plastic bottle cap in his left lung! The soda top had been there since he accidentally gulped it down during a baseball game in 1973.

To remove the lid, doctors sent a small probe into his lungs by way of his nose and grasped the bottle cap with remote-control forceps. Once the lid was gone, so was Wilson's cough.

"It's great to be normal at last," said a happy Wilson, who now works as a real estate agent.

HERO CAT RESCUES FAMILY FROM FIRE

KITTY PAWS SLEEPING MOM IN THE FACE

. . . AND AWAKENS HER — JUST IN TIME!

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

A heroic kitty named Charlie leaped into bed and "slapped" Kimberly Coleman in the face until she woke up — just in time to save her husband and two children from a fiery death in their blazing home!

"I thought Charlie was just trying to get comfortable," 21-year-old Kimberly said. "When I finally woke up, I saw all the smoke and I woke my husband and told him to check the fireplace. Then he yelled that we had a fire."

Kimberly and her husband Ken had been awakened in time to get their 2-year-old twins and flee their blazing home.

"They say that cats have a sixth sense about danger," Kimberly said. "In Charlie's case, I guess they're right. I told Ken that Charlie saved our lives."

Kimberly said that Charlie, a 10-year-old Burmese, generally spends his nights outdoors, but because of unusually cold weather in Florida that night, he was kept inside.

The Coleman family was asleep in their home in the Pensacola suburb of Warrington when embers from the fireplace apparently started the blaze. As smoke began to fill the house, Charlie raced into the parents' bedroom, leaped onto the bed and began batting Kimberly in the face until she awoke.

"There's no way to say for certain, but it's a pretty good bet the family would have died in their beds from smoke inhalation if the cat hadn't alerted Mrs. Coleman," a fire department spokesman said. "Smoke inhalation is one of the major causes of

CAT courageous! Grateful mom Kimberly Coleman says her family owes their lives to determined pet Charlie who saved them from a fiery death!

SPLAT!

Hal Irish died tragically while bungee-jumping with The Ultimate Jump Company when the elastic band around his ankle came loose and he smashed at high speed into the ground.

The 29-year-old Los Angeles man instructed people in the sport, which involves attaching an elastic cord to a seat or ankle harness, jumping from a high tower or bridge and then being stopped from hitting the ground by the cord. Irish bounced back up, but his cord

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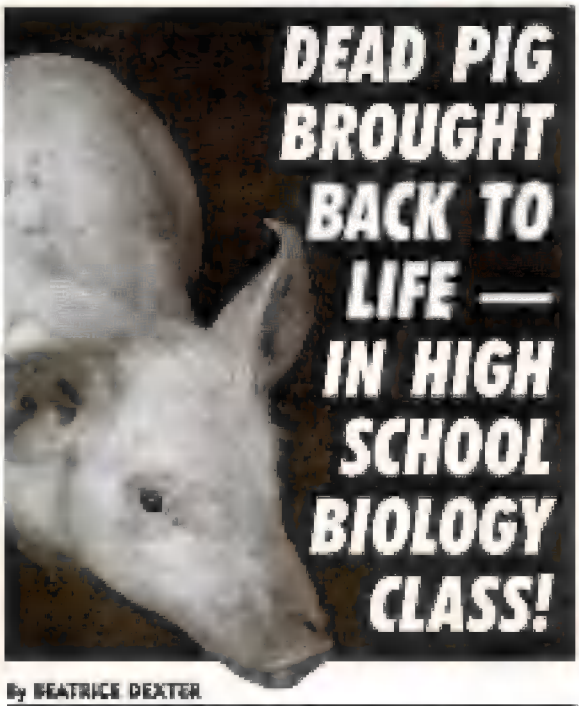

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

KOBE, Japan — A high school biology class has made medical history — by reviving the dead!

Students at an exclusive private school just outside the city bathed a lifeless laboratory pig in a chemical solution charged with high-voltage pulses of electricity and the animal was zapped back to life. The piglet, named Frankenstein, survived for two days before dying again of massive infection.

"We did a dissection on the animal and then on a whim we decided to see if we could jolt him and get a heartbeat," recalled class instructor Kenji Kawabata in an interview with the Kiroki Private Day School's newspaper.

PROUD: Kenji Kawabata.

"We stitched him back together, submerged the pig in a chemical bath containing basic elements of the living cell and hooked him up to high-voltage electrical circuits.

"When we flipped the switch, the pig began to shiver and twitch almost immediately. In about five minutes he started to move his legs and try to stand. We were astounded at what we had achieved."

Kawabata said that the baby pig was actually running around and squealing within 30 minutes of electrical stimulation. Excited students in the Frankenstein and made a pen for him in the small, cluttered classroom. The pig appeared healthy in spite of his dissection wounds, but over the next few days he began to decline.

A massive infection eventually took over the miracle pig's body and at the end of the second day he died.

"The class became very upset," the biology teacher explained. "They had grown attached to the little ham bone.

"But I pointed out to them that Frankenstein had made a very important contribution to medicine.

"We're not certain we can duplicate our life-giving technique, but if we can it may lead the way to reviving dead humans. Then, thanks to Frankenstein, we will have all but defeated death."

A spokesman for a prominent Japanese medical association says the high school biology experiment will be carefully studied by scientists over the next few months.

Your legs reveal your Personality

Ladies, watch out! Your legs reveal your personality! "Legs are a very expressive part of a woman's body — they reveal more about her personality than any other part of her body," says psychiatrist Dr. Anthony Pietropinto. And psychologist Dr. Perry Buffington agrees: "Legs can signal that they belong to an aggressive, impatient, ambitious, honest or sensual personality." Just take a gander at the gams featured in these photos to see what your legs say.

1. (Feet about two feet apart, toes facing slightly out.) Determined and willful, you have an aggressive, assertive personality. You're a very modern woman with a no-frills, common-sense personality.

2. (Knees together, feet flat on the floor.) You are frank, open and honest. And you also tend to be very neat as well as punctual. You love order in your life and feel comfortable with routines and timetables.

3. (Legs stretched out in front, crossed at the ankles.) Yours is a dominant personality and you tend to be at the center of relationships. You're both conservative and strong-willed.

4. (One leg curled under the other.) You've got a unique, devil-may-care personality — you are someone who likes to be noticed. Creative and innovative, you are unconventional and one-of-a-kind.

5. (Knees together, feet spread apart.) You tend to be sensitive and perceptive, and have a sharp knowledge of human behavior. You are very emotional and you can appreciate the trait in others.

6. (Crossed above the knee, one ankle wrapped behind the other.) You have an engaging personality, especially once you get to know people. You are quiet and pleasant and never flamboyant.

7. (Legs straight, ankles and feet together.) You're practical and tend to be very loyal. You can also be a bit cool until you get to know people. Some men find this aloof, others find it irresistible.

8. (Crossed at the ankles, with a leg slightly behind the other.) Ambitious and impatient, you are a real go-getter with a spirit of adventure. You will usually take risks to get what you want.

9. (On one foot, the other crossed behind the ankle, and the angled foot poised on a toe.) You are prone to sudden surges of emotion. You also enjoy change and stimulation — as well as challenge.

Harassed clerk murders boss — with an icicle!

Unsuspecting cops drank the murder weapon used to kill a store owner, but they didn't find out until a year later when the killer confessed.

Shy store clerk Carlo Sanfli admitted he stabbed his boss, Roberto Franchini, to death with a big icicle and boiled it to make tea that he served to police when they questioned him after the murder.

"Actually I feel a little silly now knowing I sat there and sipped the murder weapon while my men were turning the victim's house upside down trying to find it," said Inspector Vittorio Leonelli.

Wealthy store owner Franchini was discovered lying dead in his massive bed on the second floor of his mansion near Sonvino, Italy, in late December last year.

Baffled police had no clues, no motive and no murder weapon that could lead them to the killer of the 68-year-old bachelor.

"We theorized the victim had been stabbed through the heart with an ice pick," Leonelli said. "The idea of an icicle never entered our minds. It was just too bizarre."

There was no sign of forced entry to the house, no fingerprints and nothing of value was missing from the victim's lavish home, cops at the scene of the crime said.

"Mr. Franchini had no family — none at all — and we didn't question anyone who led us to believe anyone had a grudge against the old man.

"By all outward appearances, he seemed to be friendly and well-liked," the puzzled inspector said.

Police said that Sanfli was a quiet man who had worked for Franchini 12 years.

"We considered him a suspect in the beginning, mostly because he was the last person to see the victim alive. But he had no motive and we couldn't put him at the scene of the crime," Leonelli said.

Cops were no closer to solving the shocking crime a year later when Sanfli walked into the police station and said he "wanted to get something off his mind."

He proceeded to tell investigators that he stabbed his boss to death in a fit of anger because he was overworked and underpaid.

"Without his confession, we didn't have a clue to Franchini's killer," said Inspector Leonelli.

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GANG member Ralph Fults in a prison mug shot.

TODAY: 73-year-old Ralph, 57 years after Bonnie and Clyde died

By SHAWN DEENA
Special correspondent

Ralph Fults is an old codger who's done a lot for his age — including killing people as one of the notorious Bonnie and Clyde gang.

At 73, he's also the last living member.

In 1934 when six Louisiana police brutally gunned down Bonnie and Clyde, Ralph was in jail.

After the smoke cleared from the ambush, there were 167 bullet holes in the car of the "first couple of crime." Clyde was shot 52 times and Bonnie was hit 55 times counting the bullets that had first passed through Clyde.

Ralph said that the larcenous lovers didn't plan to live forever.

they paid in advance for their own funerals."

Ralph swore he would one day avenge his pals' deaths when he got out — but no one knows if he ever did. Ralph got busted again in 1944. When he was paroled, he turned over a new leaf.

"By then I'd had my fill of prisons and I had no desire whatsoever to end up like Bonnie and Clyde," he said.

Ralph began his life of

some of the greatest gangsters.

"I met most of them — Pretty Boy Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly and Dillinger," he said, "But Clyde was the most intelligent of all the molesters I met."

He met Clyde Barrow on the way to the pen at 18. "I was on the bus headed to the state prison in Huntsville, Texas, in 1930 when I met Clyde. He wore a suit and looked like he was going to church, not jail," the aging mobster said. Together Ralph and Clyde started the gang, bringing Bonnie in later. They didn't

of jail. But they began roaming across the country doing bank jobs and leaving a bloody trail behind them, murdering 13 people — nine

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Basketball star's head chopped off — by ceiling fan!

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

Humongous hoopster Hans Abendthau died tragically when the 7-foot 3-inch basketball player ran into a ceiling fan — and his head was severed from his body!

The Neustrelitz, Germany, athlete was standing on a bench in the locker room when the terrible mishap occurred, authorities say. He died instantly.

Locker room horror stuns teammates

"He didn't know the gym and he didn't have any idea there were ceiling fans in the locker room," said teammate Dieter Kleinholtz, 18. "None of us did.

"And because of the way the lighting was, those fans were up there whirling away and you couldn't really see them. With his tremendous height, standing on a two-foot-high bench, his head was more than nine feet off the ground. The sharp metal fan hung down from the 10-foot-high ceiling by about a foot and a half — so the blades were about neck level when he backed into them."

According to local news reports, the 22-year-old basketball star had arrived the night before his death in Rostock, where he was to play a tournament game the following day. He reported for practice with other members of his team on the morning of November 28.

The youth — who was at least 5 inches taller than his teammates — had climbed up on a bench in the locker room to attract the attention of a friend. He backed up into the whirling blades and never knew what hit him, said Kleinholtz, who witnessed his friend's death.

"Suddenly we heard this terrible, metallic noise and Hans' body fell to the floor. His head was completely off. It rolled away and then there was blood everywhere, everywhere."

A coroner ruled the young man's death an accident, but since the incident officials have mounted a campaign to outlaw ceiling fans in public sports facilities.

"Until recently, we haven't had to contend with players as tall as Hans Abendthau, but there will be more and more of them as the years go by," said a president of a youth basketball association. "We've either got to raise the ceiling fans or get rid of them. We can't have our youth decapitating themselves in the pursuit of sport. That's ridiculous."

Animal lovers buying music for their pets

Record stores in Tokyo have a music section for cats and dogs — and pet lovers are spending big bucks in it!

The compact discs sell for about $5.50 and come with a money-back guarantee that cats will purr and dogs will wag their tails!

The music was created by Japanese composer Hiroki Sakaguchi after showing animals' reactions to recordings from Mozart to Miles Davis. Sakaguchi borrowed arrangements from Hawaiian melodies and Japanese folk tunes to put the CDs together.

Some paw-stomping tunes include Woody Dance and Daydreaming in the Wood.

THE MIRACLE MONK

By EVA DeLEON
Special correspondent

An incredible 93-year-old monk is revered as a living saint because he can heal the sick, cure the lame — and even change the weather with a wave of his hand!

For more than half a century, Frei Damiao, a hunchbacked Catholic monk, has been mesmerizing the people of Brazil with his eloquent preaching and scores of well-documented, mind-boggling miracles.

Many witnesses claim the amazing man has turned stone into bread, water into gasoline, made paralyzed people walk again . . . even caused rain to fall and the wind to howl.

"The miracles are there — proven and authenticated," said Abdalariz de Moura, a former professor of theology at the Theological Institute at Recife, who has spent years thoroughly investigating the monk's life and miracles.

"Although he denies his miracles, we have registered 80 events that have been properly documented," the well-respected Moura said.

"Once while giving a sermon, the Frei was being heckled by disbelievers," Moura recounted.

"The Frei opened his arms and all the lights in the city went out and the dusky sky became totally dark.

"After the hecklers calmed down, the Frei opened his arms . . . and the lights came on again."

Moura recalled that in 1983, farmers near the city of Nova Olinda, then stricken by drought, came to the Frei for help.

"He told them not to worry . . . that three rains would come," Moura said. "It rained exactly three times, and even with that small amount of rain, the farmers had one of their best harvests ever."

Gilbert Sarmento, the former mayor of Souza, said he once saw Frei speaking to a crowd who complained that faith alone couldn't fill their empty stomachs.

"Visibly upset by the throng's hunger, the Frei picked up a large rock and hurled it to the ground," Sarmento said. "I couldn't believe what I saw . . . the rock had turned into bread."

Former Brazilian politician Antonio Ferreira remembered the time he saw the Frei change the weather with a wave of his hand.

"He created wind and rain . . . just by moving his hands," Ferreira said.

Josefa de Souza recounted another divine incident.

Her husband, she said, was driving the Frei to a ceremony when the car ran out of gas.

"The Frei calmly told my husband to fill the gas tank with water," she explained. "They drove 86 miles with a gas tank filled with water."

But Frei Damiao has always remained modest about the miracles that amaze so many.

MIRACULOUS monk Frei Damiao is adored by his followers.

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Please chop my head off — and freeze it!

Dying man wants a chance to live in the future

COURT will decide whether Thomas Donaldson can have his head removed and frozen.

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

Cancer-stricken Tom Donaldson wants someone to chop off his head before he is dead and freeze it until surgeons can later re-attach it to a healthy body.

A California appellate court will decide this month if the 47-year-old computer consultant can legally be decapitated.

Donaldson has an inoperable brain tumor and wants his head frozen in a process called cryonic suspension in hopes that future doctors will be able to cure the tumor and give him a new life.

"My doctors tell me I'm dying and I don't want to die. I want my head frozen so that I might later be revived and continue to live," Donaldson said.

If Donaldson wins in court, he would be anesthetized and his body temperature slowly lowered. Then he would be pumped full of solutions to prevent damage to his cells. His head would be surgically removed, sealed in a vacuum container and maintained at minus 320 degrees Fahrenheit until technology is available to bring him back to life.

Donaldson is shelling out $41,000 to have the procedure done at Alcor Life Extension Foundation, a cryonics facility in Riverside, Calif. A lower court turned down Donaldson's bizarre request, so he appealed to the higher court.

DONALDSON wants his head frozen at -325F in this tank, shown by Carlos Mondragon, president of Alcor.

The lower court ruled Donaldson's request constituted murder or the aiding of a suicide, both felonies.

"Legally death occurs when a doctor has given up on a patient," said Alcor's Carlos Mondragon. "Cryonics says that definition is not good enough. We don't believe death has occurred until the structure of the body, or the person is gone."

As far as Donaldson is concerned, "the whole issue of what death is has gotten all screwed up in this country."

As Donaldson's case crawls through the courts, the tumor continues to eat away at his brain.

"I'm in a race against time," he said. "If they wait until I am legally dead before freezing my head the tumor will have destroyed my brain. My personality would be destroyed. There would be no point in being revived."

Donaldson said he signed up for cryonic suspension 16 years ago, long before the brain tumor.

"I like living. I want to see the future. I want to be a part of it," he said.

TRAPPED!

Mom gets her hand stuck in the john!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

Frantic mom Gayle Lynn had her landlord call the fire department after she reached into the toilet to retrieve a bar of soap and got her hand stuck for nearly an hour.

"To say the least, it's embarrassing," red-faced Lynn told Fire Capt. Harold Emery when he and other firemen arrived to help solve her dilemma.

Gayle, 32, said that her 15-month-old daughter Cheryl had dropped a bar of soap in the toilet and she was trying to get it out.

"I put a plastic bag over my hand and reached in. When I couldn't feel anything, I reached farther and farther," she said.

"When I decided it was time to pull my hand back out, I couldn't move it."

Her son Jason brought her vegetable oil which she poured into the toilet to lubricate her arm. Her landlord arrived and poured more cooking oil into the toilet tank. But her hand wouldn't come loose and was beginning to swell. Her son poured ice cubes in the toilet to no avail.

The landlord then called the fire department.

"She was on her knees with her hand stuck inside the commode," Capt. Emery said. "Her arm was all greased up and there were ice cubes floating around in the water. This was serious, but I had to laugh."

Paramedics applied Vaseline to Gayle's arm, and finally twisted it free.

The bar of soap is still stuck in the commode, making bubbles every time the toilet is flushed.

GAYLE and her son Jason reenact her desperate predicament.

All's well that ends well!

MOM, Cheryl and Jason after Gayle's ordeal.

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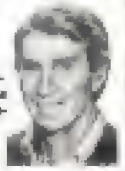

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LIFE-STUDY FELLOWSHIP

Nursing home lovebirds get hitched — and now SHE'S PREGNANT!

Mom-to-be is 78 and daddy is 79

PROUD daddy Salvador Castaneda puts his ear to mom-to-be Hortensia's tummy to feel their baby kick.

By JOE BERGER
Staff writer

Go-get-'em granny Hortensia Ortiz got hustled off to a nursing home and could have settled for a life of prune juice and *Donahue*. But instead, hot-blooded Hortensia started playing footsie with a nice fella down the hall and wound up pregnant — at the ripe old age of 78!

Now the live-wire widow and her wrinkled romeo — 79-year-old Salvador Castaneda — are eagerly awaiting the blessed event docs say is due February 17.

"This certainly was unexpected, but hey, we're tickled to death," gloated happy-go-lucky Hortensia.

"There were all these people out there who'd written us off because they thought we were totally over the hill.

"So we showed 'em there's still a little life left in these creaky old bones — both mine and Sal's."

The tale of hanky-panky among the pacemaker set began a year ago when heartsick Hortensia's three daughters persuaded her to give up her beloved apartment and move into a nearby nursing home.

"I didn't want anything to do with no old-folks home, but they insisted," recalled the miffed mom-to-be. "I told them I didn't want to spend the rest of my days hanging out with a bunch of old fogies who'd lost their teeth. I was afraid I'd get into that place and there wouldn't be nothing to do for fun."

But the lusty lady's fears were laid to rest the minute she set eyes on the hunk down the hall.

"I was just trying to get settled into my room when Sal walked up and asked if he could help," no-holds-barred Hortensia told reporters outside Lisbon, Portugal. "I took one look and thought, 'I want that great big gorgeous man all for myself.'

"It was love at first sight and fortunately for me, Sal liked what he saw, too.

"From that day on, we were together every minute, and believe me, we didn't spend all our time playing checkers, either.

"I'll tell you one thing, though — I'd have been a lot more careful if I'd known the old buzzard could still get me pregnant."

But despite Hortensia's age, dumbfounded doctors say the pregnancy is normal and her baby is due in February.

"We're happier than either of us has been in years," insists love struck Sal.

"Hell, we're crazy about each other. We feel like a couple of teenagers again.

"And Hortensia's delighted to be getting back at her daughters.

"They stuck her away in this place telling her she'd be safe here — and a couple of months later she got to tell them we're going to have a baby."

Veggies ease arthritis pain

Being a vegetarian isn't just good for the heart — it's good for the bones too, experts say.

A recent study done at the Institute of Immunology and Rheumatology in Oslo, Norway, suggests a vegetarian diet helps relieve rheumatoid arthritis.

Dr. Jens Kjeldsen-Kragh of the Institute tested 65 people with rheumatoid arthritis. Some were put on a vegetarian diet, others didn't. The meat lovers showed no change while the vegetarians had less pain and swelling usually caused by their arthritis.

Dr. Kjeldsen-Kragh said this is the first study that used a comparison.

He advises people who suffer from the disease to consult a physician before starting any diet program.

100s see huge UFO in sky over Wales!

By KEN BASSETT
Special correspondent

A monstrous UFO, "bigger than two football fields," was seen by more than 200 people as it soared through the skies over Wales.

The silent spacecraft, dazzling in its brilliance and trailed by a smaller UFO, was described by various witnesses as banana-shaped, triangular or shaped like a boomerang.

ALUMINUM-FOIL UFO was made by one youngster to show what the mystery object in the sky over Cardiff, Wales, looked like.

The incredible sighting around 4 p.m. last January 18 was one of the best-witnessed UFO incidents in Great Britain, according to Ian Mrzygold, a spokesman for the British UFO Research Association.

Two Welsh police officers, Detective Constable Gethin James and Detective Sgt. Michael Troake, watched the gigantic UFO for almost 10 minutes as it flew over Morriston, a town near Cardiff, Wales.

"It was the most incredible thing I've ever seen," declared Constable James. "It was very, very big — bigger than two football fields.

"We first saw a mass of lights, maybe a half-mile long, about 3,000 feet up. It was moving in a straight line. The unusual thing about the object was that it was quiet. There was no sound at all.

"If an aircraft had been flying low, I would have heard something.

"As it passed overhead, we were able to see a second craft following the larger one. The smaller one was about the size of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

"There were so many lights that it was impossible to see its shape clearly. The lights nearly blinded me.

"I could see the smaller object. It was in the shape of a V and as it passed over I could see three lights — one on the nose, which was a steady light, and one flashing light on each tip of the V. The lights were all white, but not as bright as the ones on the big ship. Both objects moved in perfect unison.

"Suddenly they abruptly veered off to the south, at a sharp right angle, and disappeared over a hill."

Police in the area received more than 200 reports of the UFOs from awestruck local residents. Among them were 23 schoolchildren, who excitedly told their teacher about the sighting the next day.

The teacher, Helen Williams of Eglwys Wen School in Cardiff, asked the children to draw pictures of what they had seen. "The results were amazing — the drawings were all very similar," Mrs. Williams said. "The descriptions they wrote were similar, too."

Amanda Lewis, 6, described the UFO as "a triangle of flashing orange lights."

Jonathan Hutchins, 7, observed: "It was sort of banana-shaped, with lights on it, and it moved funny."

And Mark Lee, 7, added: "It was boomerang-shaped, with lights on the tips, lights in the middle and they were flashing. If you looked straight up at it, the lights probably would have blinded you."

According to Constable James, the Royal Air Force station at West Drayton, Wales, reported that there were no aircraft in the vicinity at the time of the UFO sightings.

YOUNG WITNESSES show their sketches of the UFO they saw.

Suicide with a bra strap!

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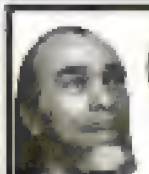
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Disgruntled elf tells all!

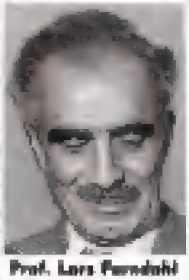
'SANTA CLAUS IS GAY'

. . . says wacko professor, who claims he worked for St. Nick 7 years!

By JOE BERGER
Staff writer

Crackpot college professor Lars Farndahl has written a mind-boggling new book claiming he once worked side by side with Santa Claus — and charging that jolly old St. Nick is a flaming fairy!

"I was one of Santa's 'elves' for more than seven years, and I can say from personal experience that this so-called hero is a dirty old man, a dyed-in-the-wool homosexual," the pea-brained prof claims in his unpublished expose *Father Christmas: The Devil In Red.*



Prof. Lars Farndahl

"A parent would have to be out of his mind to allow a child to climb on this man's lap, at Christmas or any other time of the year." But frantic friends and relatives say it's loony Lars who's lost his mind — and they're asking a judge to commit the 4-foot-6 Swedish sociologist to a Stockholm mental hospital. "Just read this thing, Your Honor," pleaded lawyer Soren Olsbo, waving a copy of the bizarre book. "Everybody in the world over the age of 8 knows that Santa Claus is a childish fantasy — everybody but Professor Farndahl.

"This manuscript alone is sufficient to show that the man is suffering from delusions and should be put away where he can get the kind of help he so desperately needs."

Shocked colleagues concede that Dr. Farndahl, 58, was once a brilliant man, but in recent years his behavior has become more and more outrageous," said fellow professor Erik Fredriksson.

"He's been known to show up for classes wearing a Superman cape or just his bathing trunks, like he was out for an afternoon stroll on the beach.

"But it was this Santa Claus thing that completely blew his cover. After reading that, there's nobody who can argue that he isn't off his rocker."

Farndahl claims he was one of Santa's elves from 1979 to the spring of 1986, when a ticked-off St. Nick fired him for resisting his sexual advances.

"The kindly old Santa extolled in legend is a far cry from the Santa Claus I knew," wrote the tell-all author.

"Santa was a bitter, foul-smelling old tyrant who ignored his wife, treated his workers like dirt — and tried to seduce every male who got within reach.

"I can't tell you how many times I had to forcibly remove his hand from my knee." But Lars' son Sven, 26, says his dingbat dad was busy teaching classes between 1979 and 1986 and never set foot at the North Pole. "I love Dad but I can't let him go on making a fool of himself," Sven told a reporter.

"We don't know what the judge is going to decide, but we're begging him to put him someplace where he can get treatment — someplace where they can make Dad understand that Santa Claus isn't real, and that he most certainly is not a perv."

Armpit juice shocker!

SECRET SCENT SCARES FOLKS INTO PAYING THEIR BILLS!

By JOE BERGER
Staff writer

Bloodthirsty bill collectors are bullying hapless Americans into forking over millions of dollars a year — by spraying our monthly statements with a secret scent that scares the hell out of everybody!

The greedy creeps have latched onto a foul-smelling spray made from androstenone, a potent chemical found in men's armpits. The repulsive stuff triggers an unconscious fear response and makes us putty in the hands of diabolical debt collectors.

"Putting androstenone on the bills they send us is a ruthless and downright immoral thing to do — but unfortunately, it really works," said Australian researcher Randolph Draper.

"Androstenone has the scent of an aggressive male and sets off the same kind of reaction we'd feel if a couple of big, burly guys showed up at our door demanding money. We'd be intimidated and jump at the chance to hand over whatever they wanted.

"Using this stuff is like strong-arming people through the mail."

Greedy businessmen around the world started dousing their bills with the armpit persuader after scientists discovered it could terrify folks into paying through the nose.

"Amazingly, people who got bills treated with androstenone were twice as likely to pay up as people who got bills with no androstenone on them," said Dr. Draper, who conducted tests on thousands of unsuspecting citizens. "And those people made a helluva lot bigger payments, too — like they were saying, 'Here, just take everything I've got and leave me alone.' We knew this stuff was extremely powerful, but we never dreamed it could be this powerful."

Nobody knows how many unscrupulous companies are browbeating customers with androstenone, but experts figure the evil secretion is helping bill collectors rake in millions of bucks each year. And there's no way for the average guy to know if or when he's being bombarded by the sinister scent.

Man paid $600 for his Dodge in 1954 — now it's worth $20,000!

CAR-HAPPY Harvey Hook tinkers under the hood of his 1949 Dodge station wagon.

By CINDY O'NEAL
Staff writer

Auto buff Harvey Hook bought a 1949 Dodge Coronet for $600 in 1954 — and now it's worth a whopping $20,000!

He drove the maroon station wagon, one of only 800 ever made, for nine years before moving on to another vehicle. But he didn't sell the Dodge. Hook parked the auto with 91,000 miles on it and waited.

"I started working on the car seriously in March of 1991," Hook told *The Weekly World News*.

"I didn't have any experience restoring cars but a friend has been giving me a hand. We fixed the engine and we did the body work together.

"I even made some of the parts that you can't find anymore."

Now the gem of a car is almost back to its original glory.

"The car is running just fine," said the retired electrical engineer from Elon College, N.C. "All it needs is a few more pieces of chrome and a new radio.

"That baby is definitely a collector's item," said Hook. "I plan on showing it at car exhibits. But you can be sure I won't drive this beauty to the displays. I'll bring

AMMO-LESS ARMY

When Irish soldiers run out of bullets, they just point their fingers at each other — and yell "bang!"

Red-faced army brass in Dublin say the shortage eliminates the deafening rattle of rifle fire, but is leavibang soldiers hoarse.

"Our men go through the motions of pointing their guns and pulling the triggers," said a military spokesman. "When nothing happens, they just holler 'bang, bang!' "

THE WORLD'S

Trio of tubby kids weighs a whopping 565 pounds!

By LAUREL BOWIE
Correspondent

Call 'em the thundering threesome, call 'em babes in blubberland — call 'em anything but late for lunch.

Titanic toddlers Rodrigo Vasconcelos, Carmen Alvarez and Jin Li are the world's biggest babies. Together, they crunch the scales at a whopping 565 pounds — and incredibly, their average age is under 3!

Roly-poly Rodrigo is the new king of the colossal kiddie corps, standing 5-foot-6 and weighing a staggering 233 pounds at the tender age of 3.

The bruising Brazilian has ballooned past former title-holder Jin, who's such a sight thugs once tried to kidnap him for a freak show.

RODRIGO VASCONCELOS

Two-ton tot Rodrigo Vasconcelos doesn't look like a hero, but the feisty 3-year-old recently saved a neighbor's life — by lifting a compact car from the helpless man's crushed legs!

"My boy is not just big, he's strong — and smart, too," gloated his loving mother Maria. "When he heard the man screaming, he ran over and picked that car right up off him. Otherwise, the poor guy would have died."

Rockin' Rodrigo has been a big babe since the day he checked into the world back in 1988, weighing a mind-boggling 21 pounds, 6 ounces.

"The boy almost knocked my socks off the first time I got a look at him," his 6-foot-8 papa Waldemar told reporters in Manaus, Brazil.

And the King Kong kid's been growing by leaps and bounds ever since. "The doctors say he could weigh 440 pounds by the time he's 10 years old," said his mystified mom. "And it's no wonder, the way he eats. He's loved his steak and potatoes from the time he got teeth to chew them. But now he's discovered something new. Now he loves pizzas, large sausage pizzas — and he eats them three at a time."

JIN LI

Scale-jangling Jin Li is also just 3 years old, but the chubby-cheeked chowhound wolfs down so much chicken, rice and fish every day that he literally ate his family out of house and home.

"We had to move out of our old house and get a smaller one just to keep poor Jin from going hungry," his astonished mom Mei told reporters in tiny Chihan, China. "We have to feed him mountains of food, or he goes out and eats anything he can get his hands on — bugs, mud, anything." At 40 months, jumbo Jin's weight has skyrocketed to 186 pounds of shaking, quaking flab, and he's still wielding those chopsticks like a champ.

"We have to give him at least one big fish at every meal," said his peasant father Peng. "And on top of that, he eats at least 15 bowls of boiled noodles, seven bowls of rice and vegetables, a bowl of fruit and two whole chickens every day. It can be very expensive.

"But at least he never throws his food around and makes a mess like other kids do — because Jin doesn't want to waste a single bite."

CARMEN ALVAREZ

King-size Carmen Alvarez is a sweet, gentle girl, but the bewildered babe has a hell of a time finding playmates — because she's so big the other kids are absolutely terrified of her!

At just 21 months, cutie-pie Carmen bangs the scales at 140 pounds and rumbles across a playground like a runaway freight train.

"She's a nice little girl and she'd never intentionally hurt anyone," her harried mom Gloria told reporters in Barcelona, Spain. "But sometimes she gets running around and just can't stop.

"She's bowled over a few kids and now they're afraid to play with her."

Whopping Carmen was born with such an enormous appetite that she had her mother and four weary wet nurses working round the clock just to keep her fed.

"I got her on solid foods as quick as possible because I couldn't afford the wet nurses," Gloria said.

"I hate to even tell you how much she eats now.

"The doctors tell me I should keep her on a strict diet so things don't get out of hand, but I'm afraid if I don't feed her she'll eat the tablecloth — and maybe even the dog, too."

FOOD-LOVING Rodrigo Vasconcelos is one 3-year-old who never has to be told to clean his plate.

BIGGEST BABIES!

KING of the colossal kiddie corps: 233-pound Rodrigo stands a full 12 inches taller than his 4-foot-6 mom Maria.

CHUBBY-CHEEKED Jin Li scoops up a handful of rice.

CUTIE-PIE Carmen Alvarez enjoys a banana.

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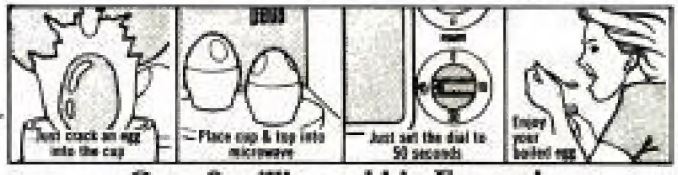

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